

ORDER NO. 2871

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract 44 (MC2013-2)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2013-2

ORDER GRANTING THIRD MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued December 14, 2015)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire December 19, 2015.¹ On December 11, 2015, the Postal Service filed a third motion for temporary relief seeking to extend the expiration date of the Existing Agreement by 30 additional days.²

¹ See Docket Nos. MC2013-2 and CP2013-2, Order No. 1508, Order Adding Priority Mail Contract 44 to the Competitive Product List, October 19, 2012, at 4 (noting that the Existing Agreement was to expire 3 years after its effective date); see also Order No. 2759, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief, October 16, 2015, at 2 (extending the expiration date of the Existing Agreement to November 19, 2015); and Order No. 2816, Order Granting Second Motion for Temporary Relief, November 13, 2015, at 2 (extending the expiration date of the Existing Agreement to December 19, 2015).

² Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, December 11, 2015, at 1 (Motion).

The Postal Service states that the individual with responsibility for signing this contract on behalf of the customer unexpectedly traveled out of the country and remained out of the country over the past month and only just recently returned. Motion at 1. Therefore, the contract remains unsigned despite an agreement in principle on prices and terms for the successor contract. *Id.* The Postal Service maintains that it will likely have a signed contract within the next few days. *Id.* It requests a 30-day extension to allow for the customer's business continuity and provide an opportunity for the Commission to review the successor contract. *Id.*

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is modified to continue through January 18, 2016, or until a successor agreement is approved by the Commission, whichever occurs first. Temporary relief is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed December 11, 2015, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement will expire on January 18, 2016, or until a successor agreement is approved by the Commission, whichever occurs first.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary